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2017 State of the State Address Coverage Information for Media

In preparation for Governor Bullock's State of the State Address on Tuesday, January 24th at 7pm, be advised that certain security measures will be in place. Here are some items you should know:

1. All members of the press planning to attend **MUST** have a 2017 media badge approved by Legislative Services and obtained from General Services. All badges **MUST** be issued by 1:00 PM on Tuesday, January 24th. No temporary passes will be given. For more information on getting a media badge, contact K'Lynn Sloan Harris at 406-444-3267 or ksharris@mt.gov. No floor access will be granted without a media badge.
2. Reporters with large camera bags and tripods will need to set up their equipment after the end of the House Floor Session and before 3:45 PM, and be prepared to leave their equipment until the event. The chamber will close promptly at 3:45 PM for a security sweep. All equipment and recording devices **MUST** be powered off during the sweep, and cameras must be pointed away from the rostrum. Large bags and equipment will not be admitted after the sweep.
3. Press will be re-admitted to the chamber at 6:00 PM through the phone room door. Any additional items brought at this time will be checked by security and sniffed by the K9 officer. Please arrive early.
4. The event will begin at 6:30 PM. Once the proceedings begin no changing of positions or movement around the chamber will be allowed. For questions on allowable press locations on the chamber floor, contact House Sgt. at Arms Brad Murfitt at 406-444-4200 prior to the event day.
5. Phone calls are not to be made or taken in the chamber during the event. Cell phones **MUST** be on silent mode and not vibrate. Use of personal devices for the purposes of covering the event will be allowed as long as it does not disrupt the event.

We look forward to your participation in the event. Let us know if you have any questions.